



SENIOR & LONG TERM CARE DIVISION COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU

HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED WAIVER Policy Manual

Section: SERVICES

Subject: Private Duty Nursing

References: ARM: 37.40.1477

DEFINITION

Private duty nursing services are medically necessary services provided to members who require sporadic in-home nursing care that is not available from a home health agency.

SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Private duty nursing services must be provided by a registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN) licensed to practice in Montana. Persons providing private duty nursing services must be licensure and certification requirements provided in ARM 8.32.401 et.seq. Private duty nursing services provided by an LPN must be supervised by an RN, physician, dentist, osteopath, or podiatrist authorized by state law to prescribe medication and treatment.

Private duty nursing services are provided only when Home Health services as provided in ARM 37.40.701 are not appropriate or available.

Private duty nursing services are provided according to the member's service plan, which documents the member's specific health-related need for nursing.

Use of a nurse to routinely check skin condition, review medication, and use or perform other nursing duties in the absence of a specific identified problem is not allowable. General statements such as "monitor health needs" are not considered sufficient documentation for this service.

LIMITATIONS

Private duty nursing services under HCBS are not available to children who are eligible for State Plan private duty nursing services (EPSDT). If private duty nursing is not available under State Plan (EPSDT) then HCBS private duty nursing, nursing supervision and respite are allowable.

See HCBS 722, under Specially Trained Attendant if nursing is required on a more than sporadic basis.